Exploration work for oil and gas in Rajasthan

†*274. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Rajasthan where the work for oil and natural gas exploration is going on;

(b) the details of the companies entrusted with this work;

(c) the number of proposals for exploration work and the level at which they are lying pending; and

(d) the results of exploration work made till date?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (d) Oil and gas exploration is in progress in 14 districts of Rajasthan, *viz.*, Baran, Barmer, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Bundi, Chittorgarh, Churu, Kota, Sri Ganganagar, Jalore, Jaisalmer, Jhalawar, Jodhpur and Hanumangarh. The operating companies in these districts of Rajasthan are Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL), GAIL (India) Limited, Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC), Cairn Energy India Pty. Limited, Focus Energy Limited and ENI India Limited.

No proposal for exploration work is pending. As a result of exploration works carried out by ONGC, OIL and Private/JV companies, 82.74 million metric tonnes of crude oil reserves and 7.28 billion cubic metres of natural gas have been established in the state of Rajasthan, as on 1.4.2007. Presently, OIL and ONGC are producing 7.5 lakhs cubic metres of natural gas per day from Rajasthan. Commercial production of crude oil from the Block RJ-ON-90/1 in Barmer—Sanchar basin in the State of Rajasthan is likely to start by 2009 with peak production of 1,10,000 barrels of oil per day.

Tourist spots in the North-Eastern Region

*275. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist spots coming under Central assistance, State-wise;

(b) how many of them are in the North-Eastern Region; and

(c) the details of these tourist spots in the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 248 projects for development and promotion of tourist places in the country during the current financial year upto February, 2008. Out of these, 71 projects have been sanctioned in the North-Eastern Region. The State-wise details are as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sr. No.	State	Number of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	2369.12
2.	*Arunachal Pradesh*	*9*	*2993.61*

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
3.	Assam	5	1271.90
4.	Bihar	2	785.82
5.	Chandigarh	2	20.00
6.	Chhattisgarh	4	1274.09
7.	Delhi	7	749.08
8.	Gujarat	4	559.58
9.	Haryana	11	2260.27
10.	Himachal Pradesh	12	2286.22
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	34	6812.65
12.	Jharkhand	7	1130.47
13.	Kerala	6	2447.04
14.	Karnataka	3	1343.44
15.	Maharashtra	4	905.02
16.	Meghalaya	2	674.40
17.	Mizoram	3	1183.74
18.	Madhya Pradesh	16	3952.66
19.	Nagaland	20	2221.99
20.	*Orissa*	*14*	*3443.59*
21.	Puducherry	6	1610.88
22.	Punjab	1	397.89
23.	Rajasthan	2	1554.46
24.	Sikkim	23	5968.48
25.	Tamil Nadu	11	2761.80
26.	Tripura	9	399.04
27.	Uttar Pradesh	7	2788.32
28.	Uttarakhand	5	2081.04
29.	West Bengal	12	2993.52
	TOTAL	248	59240.12

Agreement in Hydrocarbons field with USA

*276. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed an agreement with the United States of America (USA) for cooperation in the fields of hydrocarbons;